



NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM OVER WORLD

HAPPENINGS IN OUR OWN AND
OTHER COUNTRIES
BRIEFLY TOLD.

SHORT ITEMS FOR BUSY MEN

Week's News Condensations Re-
viewed Without Comment—All
Nations Find Somewhat to
Edify and Instruct.

Howard Smith, a young attorney,
son of Judge Walter I. Smith of the
United States circuit court of appeals,
was found dead at Council Bluffs, Ia.,
from a bullet wound in his temple,
inflicted by himself.

The fishing schooner John G. Whit-
den was wrecked, with the loss of
eight of her crew, near Tarpon
Springs, by the hurricane that struck
the Florida coast.

The British vessel Mimosa has been
sunk by a German submarine.

The body of Earl Donaldson, who
was murdered by the Mexicans near
Brownsville, Tex., was taken to Mont-
gomery City, Mo., for burial.

A Boston terrier belonging to Ehr-
man Goodway of Helena, Ark., was
successfully operated on for appendi-
citis.

A German aeroplane of the condor
type established a new world's record
at the Rottspausen flying grounds,
carrying four persons up 3,200 meters
(10,499 feet). The previous record
was 3,050 meters (10,006 feet).

Wu Chou Chu, a son of Dr. Wu Ting
Fang, former minister to the United
States, has been named councillor in
the foreign office.

A \$300 contribution to the treasury
conscience fund was received from a
Maine woman, who wrote that she
wished to pay the duty on clothes
smuggled into the country 20 years
ago.

Indictments charging Dr. Bryce
Sprayberry, a physician, and John Oz-
mer, of Edenton, Ga., with poisoning
William Sprayberry, an aged farmer,
and his wife, near Ellenwood in No-
vember, 1910, were returned by the
DeKalb county grand jury. The in-
dictments are said to be based on an
alleged confession made last May by
Dr. Sprayberry, who was ill and be-
lieved he was in a dying condition.

English money is lower than at
any other period of history.

Funds of the Southern Missouri
Trust Co. of Springfield, Mo., which
moved its banking headquarters Sept.
1, are secure, not only against robbers,
but against banking officials. It has
become known. The combination,
carefully typewritten, was by mistake
locked up in the safe with the money.

A love-crazed Italian laborer, Frank
Granno, shot and killed Levin T. Ro-
binson, his wife, Della Robinson, and
Alonso Redden, a farmer, at Snow
Hill, Md.

"Goethals day" in honor of Major
General George W. Goethals, was cele-
brated Sept. 7 at the Panama-Pacific
exposition.

Princess Adalbert, wife of the third
son of the German emperor, gave birth
to a daughter Saturday. The child
died.

All but 14 of the 800 buildings on
the island of Cayman Brac were de-
stroyed by the hurricane of last month.

One hundred and twenty-eight stu-
dents of the Ecole des Beaux Arts,
Paris, have been killed in the war up
to date.

An involuntary petition in bank-
ruptcy against the Chicago, St. Louis
& Gulf Transportation Co., which op-
erates steamboats between La Salle
and Peru, Ill., and St. Louis and New
Orleans, was filed in the United States
district court at Chicago, and a re-
ceiver was appointed. Decrease in
traffic due to the Eastland disaster is
given by Michael Gosax, attorney for
the petitioners, as one of the causes
of the troubles.

A German aeroplane, flying at a
great height, appeared over Chaven-
nes, France. The aviator dropped a
bomb which bore the inscription:
"To Peugeot, who died like a hero.
From his adversary."

William L. Moss, attorney-general
of Arkansas since 1912, is dead of
heart disease. He was 58 years old.

London insurance writers were bet-
ting 10 to 1 that America will not go
to war with Germany before Oct. 30,
and 5 to 1 that the two countries will
not be at war before Dec. 30.

As a result of Chief of Police
Healey's "clean-up" order to his cap-
tains, 669 men and women have been
arrested in Chicago.

Fire resulting from an explosion of
natural gas caused a loss of business
property estimated at \$60,000 at To-
peka, Kan.

The annual convention of the Amer-
ican Bankers' association has selected
Kansas City, Mo., for the next meet-
ing place.

The two days' strike at the Nation-
al Equipment company's plant, Spring-
field, Mass., has been settled, the com-
pany conceding the men's demand.

Dr. George Haseltine, for many
years one of the leading patent law-
yers of the world, died from injuries
received last week when he fell out of
bed.

David Starr Jordan, chancellor of
Stanford university, advocated chang-
ing the naturalization laws of the
United States so as to admit Chinese
and Japanese to citizenship.

Edward Stephens, a farmer living
near Chickasha, Ok., is in jail for the
murder of his cousin, Oscar Stephens,
four years ago.

The war department ordered Lieut.
L. L. Goodier, judge advocate gen-
eral's office, Pacific coast division,
court-martialed on charges of conduct
prejudicial to the service.

Carrying out orders of the Breathitt
(Ky.) circuit court, physicians ex-
humed the body of Mrs. Polly Davis of
Portsmouth, so that an examination
may be made for poison.

Elmer N. Hancock, for more than
30 years editor of the Savannah (Ga.)
Morning News, was found dead in bed
at his home.

The city of Centralia, Ill., is facing
one of the most serious propositions
with which it ever has had to contend,
as a result of voting "dry" last May.

Chicago's population is now 2,550,000.
This is the estimate prepared by the
publishers of the 1915 directory upon
a showing of 1,981,195 names listed.

Harry Knapp, who until May 1 was
city tax collector of Lincoln, Ill., was
arrested, charged with embezzling
\$2,347.24 in municipal funds.

William Moon, an employee, was
killed and one of the six wheel mills
of the Western Powder company's
plant, 15 miles west of Peoria, Ill.,
was wrecked by an explosion.

The Russian steamer Dwinsk, from
Archangel, reported being detained
six days outside of Archangel while
trawlers swept German mines from the
channel.

Mrs. Ruth Young Ward, 24 years
old, wife of Sibley L. Ward, and of a
prominent Little Rock family, was in-
stantly killed when an automobile she
was driving toppled over a steep em-
bankment.

The war office has announced that
in the Zeppelin raids over England
bombs were dropped on docks and
other pier establishments in London
and vicinity. The German airships
returned safely.

Miss Estelle Lawton Lindsay, the
city's lone councilwoman, was acting
mayor of the city recently. This is
the first time, so far as known, that
a woman has acted as the head of a mu-
nicipality of the state of Louisiana.

William Cullen Rudd, brother-in-law
of John D. Rockefeller, is dead at his
home in Cleveland, O.

Four children of Mr. and Mrs. R.
Wolfsohn were burned in their home
south of Lorette, Manitoba.

A. Y. Anderson, deputy collector of
customs at Astoria, Ore., his bride of
a few weeks, his mother, Mrs. Mar-
garet Anderson, and a cousin, Aaron
Anderson, were killed when their au-
tomobile was struck by a train.

Four hundred employees of the
American Graphophone company at
Bridgeport, Conn., voted to give the
company 24 hours' notice that they
would strike unless a 20 per cent in-
crease in wages was granted.

Italy has declared cotton contrab-
and of war, a Rome dispatch an-
nounces.

Francis Burton Harrison, governor-
general of the Philippines, said in re-
ply to ex-President William H. Taft's
criticism that he attached no impor-
tance to Taft's statements.

As a result of his infatuation for
Thilla Wheeler, 16 years old, George
Webster of Philadelphia, 60 years old,
committed suicide by hanging himself
in a jail cell.

Robert Mudge of Philadelphia, 55
years old, cashier of the Counties Gas
and Electric company, killed himself
on the eve of his wedding to Miss
Mary McCully.

Mrs. Polly Anne Weed Strodes,
known as "Marrying Polly," because
she had been married 13 times, is
dead at Evansville, Ind., at the age
of 69 years.

The steamer Manuel Calvo, which
arrived from Vera Cruz, brought 455
Spanish refugees from Mexico who
left their homes because they faced
starvation.

War is driving more women to cos-
metics. A London cosmetic manufac-
turer says rouge is now used freely
by women who looked on make-up of
any kind as in bad taste a year ago.

Poes of the cigarette lost a notable
battle in the Alabama legislature
when the senate, by a vote of 17 to 16,
refused to prohibit "pill" smoking.

Official warning has been issued to
the people of Germany not to answer
questions about the status of German
inhabitants.

FRENCH SHIP AFIRE IN MID-ATLANTIC

SANTA ANA LADEN WITH SUP-
PLIES FOR ALLIES CALLS
HELP.

ITALIAN RESERVISTS ABOARD

Sailed From New York on September
9 and Was Bound for Naples—
Carried no Munitions of War,
Chiefly Foodstuffs.

Halifax, Nova Scotia.—The French
steamer Santa Ana is on fire at sea,
according to a wireless message re-
ceived by the marine department from
the Cape Race station.

The message said:
"Steamer Santa Ana in distress, on
fire and in need of assistance. Posi-
tion latitude 40°23 north; longitude
47°30 west."

The position given is in the track
of transatlantic liners.
The Santa Ana registers 5,814 tons
and is owned by the Fabre Line.
Capt. Pavy is in command. She is
bound from New York to Mediter-
anean ports.

Reservists Aboard.
New York.—Between 1,600 and 1,700
Italian reservists are passengers on
board the Fabre line steamer Santa
Ana, bound from New York for Medi-
terranean ports, and reported afire at
sea, according to local agents of the
line, James W. Elwell & Co. The
ship also carries a large cargo of mer-
chandise.

The Santa Ana carried no munitions
of war or inflammable material of
any kind, according to Howard E.
Jones, a member of the firm of local
agents. Her cargo consisted chiefly
of foodstuffs.

Nearly all of the Italian reservists
were among the steerage passengers,
Jones stated, there being compara-
tively few first and second class
cabin passengers.
Jones said that the position of the
vessel, as given in the wireless mes-
sage, would put her about 950 miles
southeast of Halifax, or nearly in mid-
ocean.

The Santa Ana, he said, sailed from
this port on September 9. She was
due to reach Naples, her first stop, in
from ten and a half to eleven days.

"The Santa Ana carried no munitions
of war," said Jones. "In fact, the
Fabre line has not been carrying
any arms or ammunition to ports in
the Mediterranean touched by its
steamers. I cannot understand the
cause of the fire. Her merchandise
cargo was made up of foodstuffs and
provisions."

Beside the number of Italian reserv-
ists aboard the Santa Ana, the ship
carried a small number of first and
second class passengers. Her crew
numbered about 100.

Mexican Voters Lower.
Corpus Christi, Texas.—Testifying
in the United States district court
here in the election fraud cases, Matt
Dunn told of alleged conversation
with Tom Dunn, a defendant, concern-
ing buying Mexican vote. He said he
asked "how much are Mexican votes
worth today?" To this Tom Dunn,
who is his cousin, replied, "A little
cheaper; between \$2 and \$3."

Foss Is Charged With Libel.
Boston, Mass.—A summons charg-
ing criminal libel against former Gov.
Eugene N. Foss, one of the candidates
for Republican nomination for gov-
ernor, was issued by the municipal
criminal court at the request of Den-
nis D. Driscoll, secretary of the
Trades Union Liberty League.

Not to Be Wrapped in Cotton.
Paris.—A semi-official note from
the war office recalls to the public
that this department recently advised
persons who send parcels to prison-
ers of war in Germany to pack the ob-
jects in cotton, for the purpose of bet-
ter protection. The public is now ad-
vised not to use cotton in this man-
ner, but wrap the parcels in paper.

Author of Esperanto Found.
Washington.—Ambassador Gerard
advised the state department that Dr.
L. L. Zamenhof, the author of Esper-
anto, and his wife, who have been
missing several months, are in good
health in Warsaw.

Damages "Republican Oak."
Jackson, Mich.—One of the historic
oaks under which the Republican par-
ty came into being here in 1854, was
seriously damaged in the recent storm
which swept this section of Michigan.

Father and Son Killed.
Mason City, Ia.—John B. Bosch and
son, August, were killed in an auto-
mobile accident near Whittemore. The
auto plunged over an embankment
and the men were caught beneath.

Boat Funeral in Flood Region.
Ottawa, Kan.—The Marais Des
Cygnets River was falling and the
flood waters were receding from bot-
tom lands. Because of the high water
at Rantoul, 10 miles from Ottawa, it
was necessary to hold a boat funeral.

Decoration for John D.
Nish, Serbia.—The decoration of
the Grand Cross of the Order of St.
Sava has been conferred upon John
D. Rockefeller, in recognition of the
relief work done by the Rockefeller
Foundation in Serbia.

GOOD ROADS TO FAIR

The State Highway Department
Issues Call for Drags in
Central Missouri.

WILL PUT ROADS IN FINE SHAPE

Board Expects Thousands From All
Parts of State to Motor to
Big Show at Sedalia.

A special call has been sent out by
the state highway department for road
dragging all over Central Missouri in
the ten days from September 15 to
September 25. The reason—the Mis-
souri State Fair at Sedalia.

Hundreds go to Missouri's big fair
by motor car each year, but this year
the fair board expects thousands to
take in the fair that way. Monday,
September 27, has been set aside as
State Good Roads Day at the fair and
a call is going out for road boosters,
the state over, to be present on that
day.

State Highway Commissioner Frank
W. Buffum is sending out a bulletin
asking all the counties to drag their
roads the week beginning September
15 so the surface will be humped and
in good shape for the fair tourists.
The bulletin asks that special atten-
tion be paid to the county seat high-
ways. Continuing, it says:

All road corners where view is ob-
structed by brush, hedges or other-
wise, should be cleared, as also ap-
proaches to bridges, and weeds cut
away showing the ends of culverts.
Where there are mud holes or liable
to be mud holes, they should be fixed
up at once, as well as all bad cul-
verts and those that are too high or
too low.

On Good Roads Day at the fair, it
is planned to have representatives of
each state highway present tell of the
work that has been done on the high-
ways. State plans for good roads also
will be discussed. A big feature of
the day will be the exhibit of road
machinery. All kinds of tractors,
graders and similar machinery will
be on exhibition in actual operation.
County courts will attend from sev-
eral counties with a view of buying
the best for their counties.

October 4 Will Be Missouri Day.
Monday, October 4, will be Mis-
souri day throughout the state. The
last legislature named the first Mon-
day in October as a day to be observed
in all the schools and institutions in
honor of the state. Howard Gas,
state superintendent of schools, and
Floyd Shumaker, secretary of the Mis-
souri State Historical Society, are co-
operating with Mrs. Anna B. Korn of
Trenton, chairman of the Missouri
day committee, in an effort to have
the day generally observed.

Wild Bees Stormed a Town.
Rich Hill was much alive the other
morning for fifteen minutes, when a
swarm of wild bees took possession of
Park avenue, running the residents
to cover. The swarm finally settled
on a bright green chataqua pennant
that streamed across the street. The
bees were finally hived by a practical
bee-man.

Rabbi Rosenfeld Is Dead.
Rabbi Rosenfeld, 69 years old and
for a quarter of a century the senior
rabbi of St. Louis is dead. He was
born in Turkish Russia and became a
rabbi when 15 years old. His Hebrew
library is considered one of the most
extensive and most valuable in the
country.

A Boone Pioneer, Dead.
James Cox, 78 years old, a pioneer
of Boone County, is dead at Colum-
bia.

73 Years in One County.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crowder, living
near Gearyville, who recently cele-
brated their golden wedding anniver-
sary, have probably spent more years
in Geary county than any other couple.
Crowder was born in the southern
part of the county seventy-three years
ago, and although he has traveled
extensively, he has always claimed
the county as his home.

Pettis Road Prize Awarded.
E. S. Stewart, overseer of District
No. 15, on the Lookout Road, has
been awarded the cash prize of \$10
offered by Pettis county to the over-
seer who did the most road improve-
ment work on good roads days, August
19 and 20. Stewart had twenty-two
men engaged in work, full time, both
days.

Dies of His Injuries.
Birdsle G. Wright of Grant City,
treasurer of Worth county, died in a
hospital at Maryville from injuries
received when his automobile skidded
and turned over five miles east of that
place.

Buried with Masonic Rites.
The funeral of Judge John C. Brown,
the only Republican member of the
Missouri supreme court, who died in
St. Louis recently, took place at the
Pilgrim Congregational church. The
services were under the auspices of
the Masonic order.

Judge Brown Dead.
Judge John C. Brown of the Mis-
souri Supreme Court died recently at
St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis. His
illness was attributed to overwork on
the supreme bench.

MUST RETURN STATE'S CASH

Expense Allowance for Investigating
Committees is Illegal, Treasurer
Deal Tells Various Chairmen.

There probably will be no more
senate investigating commissions as
a result of a conference at Kansas
City recently. At this meeting E. P.
Deal, state treasurer, let it be known
to the chairmen of the commissions
appointed by the last senate that un-
less the money appropriated to defray
the expenses of these commissions
was returned to the state at once
suits would be instituted to recover it.

It had been the custom for the sen-
ate by resolution to create commis-
sions of its members to investigate
certain legislative subjects and re-
port back proposed legislation to the
next legislature. The senate of 1913
created several such commissions and
the money to defray their expenses
was paid without question. The past
senate created five commissions, but
a storm of protest arose from certain
house members of the administration.
It was charged by members of the
administration that the commissions
were merely "junketing committees."

Attorney General Parker gave an
opinion that the senate could not il-
legally appropriate money by a resolu-
tion of that house alone. That re-
versed the previous ruling of that of-
fice.

The warrants had already been ap-
proved by State Auditor Gordon and
the money paid to the chairmen of the
various committees by Mr. Deal,
the treasurer. As soon as the com-
missioners learned that the legality of
the appropriations had been question-
ed, they held their money intact await-
ing a final decision upon what course
to pursue.

In all, \$17,000 was appropriated to
cover the expenses of the senate
commissions. Attorney General John
T. Barker attended the conference.
He said that he had nothing to do with
the matter at all unless Treasurer
Deal asked him to institute suits to
get the money back in the treasury.

MISSOURI CROPS IRREGULAR

State Has Raised More Corn and Oats,
But Less Wheat This Year
Than Last.

This has been the most difficult
year in the history of the Missouri
State Board of Agriculture to esti-
mate crop conditions and yields ac-
cording to monthly report issued re-
cently.

Condition of corn for the state is
now 75.4 as compared with 73.6 a
month ago, and 56.8 a year ago. By
sections, conditions are: Northeast,
65; Northwest, 74; Central, 86; South-
west, 77; Southeast, 75. The present
prospect is for a crop of about 200
million bushels, 25 million more than
last year.

About 80 per cent of the crop will
be out of danger from frost by Octo-
ber 1. The average date of the first
frost killing for Central Missouri is
October 14. One per cent of the corn
has been cut. Flood and wind have
caused heavy losses, more recently in
Southeast Missouri, where the pros-
pect for a bumper crop had been the
best.

With thousands of acres of wheat
yet to be threshed the estimated yield
is 12 bushels to the acre; Northeast,
15.5; Northwest, 12.5; Central, 11;
Southwest, 8.2; Southeast, 12.2. Con-
tinued wet weather has delayed
threshing in many localities until now
shocks, stacks and ricks are green—
sprouted wheat, much of which has
been so damaged that it will be at
most a total loss. The state's crop
promises to be 27,000,000 bushels, 94
million bushels less than last year.

To Burn Henry County Bonds.
The citizens of Henry County met
at Clinton recently and set October
3 to celebrate the burning of the last
of the old railroad bonds of that
county.

Widow Wins Will Suit.
The fight of the widow and two
children to break the will of George
W. Benson of Mokane, who commit-
ted suicide last May, leaving an es-
tate valued at \$20,000 was successful
in the circuit court at Fulton the other
day when a jury declared that Ben-
son was insane at the time he drew
the will. Through the terms of his
will practically all the estate was to
go to two other children at the death
of the widow. The defendants ap-
pealed to the supreme court.

Sedalia Bazaar Revived.
Conducted for many years and
successfully—as a daily newspaper,
the Bazaar of Sedalia, which was dis-
continued several years ago, has been
revived in new form by its founder
and editor, J. West Goodwin. It now
is a tabloid publication, issued
monthly.

Killed by Engine Explosion.
Charles Selvidge, stationary engi-
neer was killed by the explosion of his
engine. Selvidge was running a
mill north of Keytesville when the
fatal accident occurred.

Choose Big Four Trail Route.
At a largely attended meeting of
the Missouri division of the Big Four
Trail at Brookfield, the connecting
link between Brookfield and Hannibal
was located along the Burlington Rail-
road, following the same route as the
Mark Twain Trail from Kansas City
to Hannibal.

Case County Judge Dead.
John W. Urton, 73 years old, died at
Harrisville the other day. He for-
merly was presiding judge of the
county court.

AIDS ALL BUSINESS

New Currency System Great Help
to Country.

President Wilson Explains the Good
Effects Which Must Result From
Operation of Law for Which
Democrats Are Responsible.

Let bankers explain the technical
features of the new currency system.
Suffice it here to say that it provides
a currency which expands as it is need-
ed, and contracts when it is not need-
ed; a currency which comes into exist-
ence in response to the call of every
man who can show a going business
and a concrete basis for extending
credit to him, however obscure or
prominent he may be, however big or
little his business transactions.

More than that, the power to direct
this system of credits is put into the
hands of a public board of disinter-
ested officers of the government itself
who can make no money out of any-
thing they do in connection with it.
No group of bankers anywhere can get
control; no part of the country can
concentrate the advantages and con-
veniences of the system upon itself for
its own selfish advantage. The board
can oblige the banks of one region to
go to the assistance of the banks of
another. The whole resources of the
country are mobilized, to be employed
where they are most needed. I think
we are justified in speaking of this as
a democracy credit. Credit is at the
disposal of every man who can show
energy and assets. Each region of
the country is set to study its own
needs and opportunities and the whole
country stands by to assist. It is self-
government as well as democracy.—
President Wilson.

STATUS OF THE RIGGS BANK

Affidavits Seem to Have Made Out
Strong Case Against Conduct of
the Institution.

Affidavits describe the Riggs bank,
through its officials, as persistently
breaking the banking laws; as unlaw-
fully conducting a brokerage and land-
loan business; as making illegal loans
to its own officials and to clerks on
stock collateral; as swearing false
oaths; as gaining government favors
from those about to enter its employ-
ment.

They paint a blacker picture. They
charge that illegal and improper loans
were made to Senators Bailey, Quay
and Proctor; to the late Representa-
tive J. D. Richardson, who could favor
Standard Oil traction interests; to
Frank A. Vanderlip, now president of
the Standard Oil bank in New York,
whose services it is in the purchase of
the old customhouse are well remem-
bered; to former treasury officials,
among them Comptroller Ridgely, and
various assistant secretaries; even to
a secretary of the treasury, Leslie M.
Shaw.

If these sworn statements stand test
they shall have disclosed a veritable
alliance between Big Business and the
government of the United States under
administrations more lenient with law-
breakers than the present. We shall
see laid bare the secret course of pipe-
lines that led from the treasury
straight to the lair of Standard Oil.

DEMOCRATS TO KEEP POWER

Record of Legislative Achievements
Will Assure Party Future Vic-
tory at the Polls.

Frank E. Doremus, congressman
from Michigan and chairman of the
Democratic congressional campaign
committee, said recently:

"The revision of the tariff, the new
banking and currency law, the income
tax, the development and extension of
the parcel post, and numerous other
constructive measures have increased
the confidence of the people in the
Democratic party, and have formed a
record of constructive legislation un-
paralleled in the history of the coun-
try."

"What will it profit the people to re-
turn the Republican party to power?
"What constructive program has it
to announce?"

"How much of the great work of this
administration will it undo?"

"The American people have confi-
dence in Woodrow Wilson. They re-
jo